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EXPORT OF COTTAGE PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a): the quantity and value of cottage industry products exported to various countries during each of the last three years and current year; and

(b): the steps taken by the Government to give incentives to the exporters of these products?

Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a): The cottage industry sector consists inter alia of khadi, polyvastra and village industries. The value of export of khadi and village industry (KVI) products, during 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 is (as reported by the Khadi & Village Industries Commission), is given in the table below:

Year	Value of export(Rs.crore)
2003-04	51.53
2004-05	39.08
2005-06	40.41

(b): For promotion of KVI products, the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) provides cash incentives to the registered exporting institutions and individual entrepreneurs at the rate of 5 per cent of the `free on board` (FOB) value of exported items. In addition, KVIC provides financial assistance to its registered units/institutions for participation in international exhibitions, study tours and publicity.